

*History  
of  
John Cummings  
and his wife,  
Rachel Canada (Canarda, Kennedy)*



**John**



**Rachel**

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***This short history was written by John:***

I, John Cummings, son of Harmon and Mary Cummings, was born December 4, 1802, in Anderson County, South Carolina. When I was 28 years of age I went to Gibson County, Tennessee, where I met Rachel Canada whom I courted and married in the year 1831. She was born January 20, 1813, in Gibson County, Tennessee. We lived in this locality until we had five children. My wife and I investigated the religion (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) and in the fall of that year we both embraced the truth and were baptized in the branch of that place.

The saints in that part of the country began starting for Nauvoo. So in the spring of 1843 we moved to Nauvoo in the State of Illinois. I soon joined the Legion, being one of the number I was called to take my gun and be a bodyguard for the protection of the Prophet Joseph Smith. I did so until we were called to go to Camp Creek. We remained here until the burning of our property commenced. Although we escaped ourselves from the burning, we saw the fires and smoke of our homes and those of our brethren around us. From day to day, for weeks and months, wagons were sent out from Nauvoo to bring the scattered families in for protection.

In the spring of 1846, we left Nauvoo without knowing where we would locate. In the fall we stopped at the Council Bluffs and remained two years. We then left for Gallows Grove, 50 (or 5) miles above Kanessville and stayed there three years.

In the spring of 1852 we started for Utah. (The book, *How Beautiful Upon the Mountains*, notes that they traveled in the John Maxwell Company.) It was the first day of June. On the 12th of October we arrived in Provo City in Utah Territory, making four months and 12 days on the way. We remained in Provo City, Utah County, until the fall of, I think, 1861 and then moved into Provo Valley, Heber City, Wasatch County.

I was ordained a Seventy while in Nauvoo and received into the 21st Quorum. After arriving in Utah, it was found that the 21st Quorum was full, so I was attached to the 25th Quorum. While in Heber City, Patriarch John Young came and organized a Quorum of High Priests and I became a member of that Quorum.

**(Here the account ends by John Cummings. However, *How Beautiful Upon the Mountains* adds:**

The family lived in Provo until 1858. Sons William and Isaac Cummings came with people by the name of Parker (Joseph Parker) to Wasatch County.

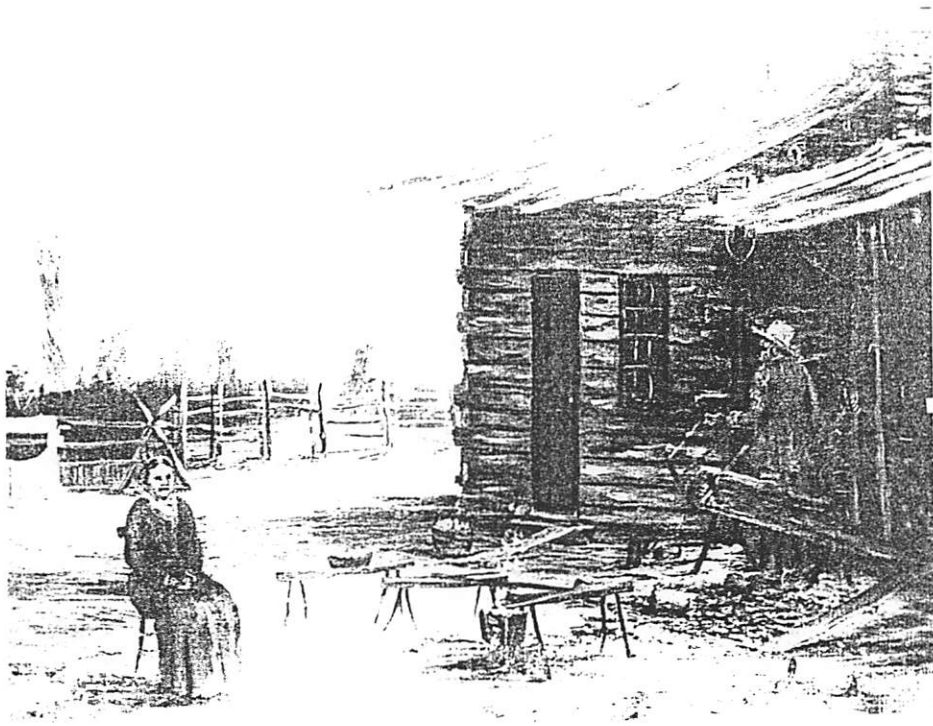
The boys returned to Provo for the winter. In the spring they came back to their land. "Pap" (John and Rachel were known as "Pap" and "Mam" Cummings) and son

John brought their 300 sheep. They took other people's sheep to herd until the flock numbered 1,800 head.

When fall came, John (we presume the son) had to take the sheep back to Provo. When he came to the river he met a man who asked him how he was going to get the sheep across. John tied a rope to the leader and the man took the rope. John made the other sheep follow.

In the spring of 1861 the family came to the valley to make their home. "Pap's" first home was inside the fort. His next home was on West Main Street and First North. This house had two rooms. They lived here, with the help of nieces, until they were unable to care for themselves.

Their daughter, "Aunt Sally" (Sarah Ann Cummings Jones,) took them into her home and cared for them until their death. Rachel Canarda Cummings died on March 29, 1895, at the age of 84. John Cummings died on September 8, 1895, at the age of 93. Their children included: Harmon, Sarah Ann, William, Mary Jane, Nancy (our progenitor), Isaac, John James and Malinda (Melinda).



*The two-room house of John and Rachel located on West Main Street and First North.  
(The artist is unknown to us)*

**John Cummings Patriarchal Blessing**  
Provo City, Utah, 13 Dec., 185-

*A Patriarchal blessing by Isaac Morley on the head of John Cummings, son of Harmon and Mary Cummings, born 4th Dec. 1802, Anderson, South Carolina.*

Brother John, in the name of the Lord, I lay my hands upon thy head, to bless you with the seals and promises of the fathers that thou mayest enjoy all the covenants of promises that the seals and blessings of the everlasting priesthood may be intended toward thee.

Thou art numbered with seeds of Abraham by covenants, by obedience to the requirements of the everlasting gospel.

It is thy right, thy exclusive privilege to obey the Patriarchal order of God. To extend thy Kingdom and Dominion yet thou art to be governed by motive laws. And I say unto thee step forward, by virtue of the Priesthood, and thou shalt enjoy thy blessings of plurality of wives. An increase of posterity which thou art to lay the foundation of thy exaltation while journeying here below. These blessings are extended forward to thee. They are thy enjoyment and exaltation.

Thou are a descendant from the family of Abraham, through the loins of Joseph. Thou art numbered with those who are as the sands upon the sea shore, and the stars of heaven. This is a blessing to Abraham. This is thy blessing. Act up to thy calling and thou shalt realize its fulfillment. Wisdom shall be thy dictator in thy pursuit.

Prudence shall be thy monitor of thy mind in thy choice of life. By promise I seal upon thee a kingdom and Dominion that is to be without end, for thy blessings are endless, thy increase eternal.

I ratify this seal with the blessings of the earth, for thy welfare I ratify this seal with the blessings of the earth, for thy welfare here and hereafter, I ratify the seal in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen and Amen.

HUSBAND John CUMMINGS (farmer)

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 Chr. 16 Mar 1832 Place Came to Utah in 1852 in John Maxwell Co.  
 Marr. 8 Dec 1895 Place Gibson County, Tennessee  
 Died 8 Dec 1895 Place Heber City, Wasatch, Utah  
 Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S FATHER Harmon CUMMINGS  
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S MOTHER Mary JAMES

Husband John CUMMINGS 1802Wife Rachel CANADA

Ward  
Examiners: 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

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## NAME &amp; ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING SHEET

Leah McDonald Houtz  
250 West 1st North  
Midway, Utah 84049

## RELATION OF ABOVE TO HUSBAND

Gr gr Dau

## RELATION OF ABOVE TO WIFE

Gr Gr Dau

## FOUR GENERATION SHEETS FOR FILING ONLY

YES ☒NO ☐

DATE SUBMITTED TO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## LDS ORDINANCE DATA

BAPTIZED (Date)	ENDOWED (Date)	SEALING (Date and Temple)
HUSBAND 15 Apr 1843	EH 13 Jul 1867	EH 13 Jul 1867
WIFE 1843	EH 13 Jul 1867	SL 13 Jul 1867

WIFE Rachel CANADA

Born: 20 Jan 1812 Place Maury, Maury, Tennessee  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died 29 Mar 1895 Place Heber City, Wasatch, Utah  
 Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S FATHER Isaac CANADAWIFE'S MOTHER Sarah PRITCHET

WIFE'S OTHER  
HUSBANDS

SEX M F	CHILDREN  List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth. Given Names Surname	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE		WHEN DIED			WIFE	CHILDREN	REMARKS
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	DAY	MONTH			
1															
F	Mary Jane CUMMINGS	28	Oct	1833		Gibson	Tnns	11 Nov 1855		6 May 1906			17 Apr 1847	17 Jul 1867	17 Jul 1867
2								Richard JONES					1843	EH	17 Jul 1867
M	William CUMMINGS	30	Jul	1835		"	"	3 Oct 1861		28 Jan 1922			30 Nov 1854	13 Jul 1876	1 Sep 1920
3								Mary Ann MEEKS					30 Nov 1854	22 Apr 1857	
M	Isaac CUMMINGS	31	May	1837		"	"	4 Apr 1860		7 Apr 1906			30 Nov 1854	13 Jul 1867	1 Sep 1920
4								Sarah JONES					30 Nov 1854	13 Jul 1867	1 Sep 1920
F	Sarah Ann CUMMINGS	20	Mar	1839		"	"	13 Dec 1856		28 Sep 1909			30 Nov 1854	15 Dec 1956	1 Sep 1920
5								Elisha JONES					30 Nov 1854	15 Dec 1956	1 Sep 1920
F	Malinda CUMMINGS	6	Apr	1841		"	"	6 Apr 1857 (div)		31 Jan 1909			30 Nov 1854	29 Jan 1935	1 Sep 1920
6								1) James Andrew ROSS					30 Nov 1854	29 Jan 1935	1 Sep 1920
F	Nancy CUMMINGS	7	Sep	1843	Nauvoo	Hnck	Ill	1863		15 Oct 1881			30 Nov 1854	29 Jan 1935	1 Sep 1920
7								Joseph Smith McDONALD					10 Jul 1852	13 Jul 1867	1 Sep 1920
M	John James CUMMINGS	25	Mar	1846	Montrose	Lee	Iowa	27 Feb 1865		28 Mar 1929			28 Nov 1854	13 Jul 1867	1 Sep 1920
8								1) Hannah Sophia JOHNSON					28 Nov 1854	13 Jul 1867	1 Sep 1920
M	Harmon CUMMINGS	7	Jul	1850	Hollows Grove	Hrrsn	Iowa	28 Jul 1872		11 Feb 1920			15 Jul 1877	26 May 1872	1 Sep 1920
9								Isabel Florinda DAYTON					15 Jul 1877	26 May 1872	1 Sep 1920
M	Thomas CUMMINGS			1852	"	"	"	-----					Child	Child	1 Sep 1920
10								-----		5 Jun 1872			Child	Child	1 Sep 1920
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M	Harmon CUMMINGS	7 Jul 1850	Hollows Grove Hrrsn Iowa	28 Jul 1872	11 Feb 1920	Gr Gr Dau	Gr Gr Dau
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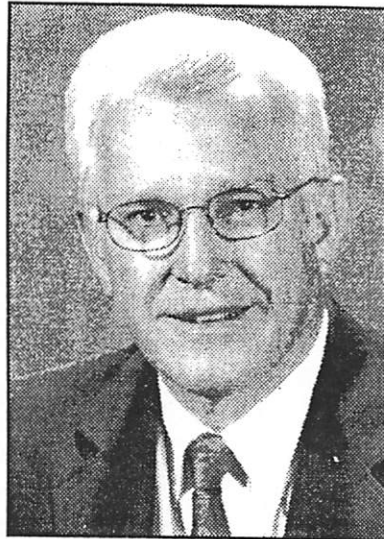
## Michael Moulton to Speak at SUP

Michael J Moulton is a descendent of Thomas Moulton, who crossed the plains with the Willy Handcart Company in 1856, and who settled in Heber Valley in 1860.

His maternal Great Grandfather was Joseph S. McDonald, was another early settler of Heber Valley.

He will present the family history of these two families at the regularly scheduled meeting March 21, 2002, at the 10th Ward building, located on Main Street in Midway.

The meeting will start at 7:00 PM. All Sons of Utah Pioneers and their friends are invited to attend.



Michael J. Moulton

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Scouting Food Drive

The annual Scouting For Food Drive is coming. Food bags will be delivered starting March 23 by the Wasatch District Cub Scouts, and will be picked up and delivered to the Senior Citizens Center by the older scouts on March 30. Your coopera-